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Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in a city that is supposed to be known for intellectual freedom and the Internet is an important tool to exercising that freedom. However, as things currently stand I have only one option for "Broadband" (>20Mbps) Internet. That option is Comcast. Comcast charges userous rates for Internet, and economically forces customers to accept Cable TV as part of the package. Then they artificially throttle bandwidth based on who the content is coming from and place surcharges on data if we exceed a TByte a month (as I had to a couple months ago to restore files from a lost hard drive.)

I am looking forward to having Sonic here in a couple of months. I have had to put up with the misdeeds of Comcast for too long. The political and economic forces that have provided Comcast a virtual monopoly on "Broadband" have resulted in massive overpayments and severe limitation on freedom as applied to the Internet.

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